

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Supplemental Amendment in further response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2009, and also in response to the final form of the proposed Examiner's Amendment that was attached to an informal email communication received by applicant's undersigned counsel from the Examiner on September 23, 2009.

By oral agreement with the Examiner reached on that date, applicant is submitting this Supplemental Amendment in lieu of entry of the proposed Examiner's Amendment, and reconsideration of the subject application as amended herein is therefore respectfully requested. The Examiner is thanked for the various suggestions for response that were set forth in that proposed Examiner's Amendment, and for the courtesies extended during the telephone discussions with applicant's undersigned counsel on September 23 and 25, 2009.

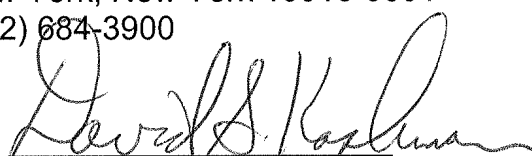
Claims 11, 13 and 16-19 are pending in this case, of which only claim 16 is independent. Applicant has amended each of those claims in accordance with the proposed Examiner's Amendment, as modified pursuant to the telephone discussion

between applicant's undersigned counsel and the Examiner on September 25, 2009. Accordingly, further favorable action in connection with this patent application is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if it will advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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